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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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	10/743,786	NAKAKITA ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Anthony T. Dougherty	2863	

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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 July 2004.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) 1-4 is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 5-8 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) 8 is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on 24 December 2003 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>12/24/03</u> .	5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
	6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. Claim 8 objected to because of the following informalities: Claim 8 depends from claim 7 but is an exact word for word repetition of claim 7, it is assumed by the examiner that this is a typographical error and for prior art examination purposes claim 8 has been treated as if it depends from claim 6. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 5-8 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,648,506 to McGrath et al.

With regard to claim 5 McGrath et al. discloses an apparatus for measuring heat flux on an object surface (see abstract), with an excitation light source for irradiating the surface of a measurement object coated with a heat-sensitive paint (see column 3 line 46-49), a high speed imaging apparatus for imaging the measurement object (see column 3 line 49-51), a means for determining the temperature of each separate domain on the object surface on the basis of characteristic data related to the emission intensity and temperature of the temperature -sensitive

paint (see column 3 line 51-55), and a means for calculating the heat flux in each domain from the temporal variations of temperature in each separate domain (see column 3 line 55-58).

With regard to claim(s) 6, and applying the rejection of claim(s) 5 above, McGrath et al. discloses means for converting heat flux data calculated for each separate domain to video information in accordance with the position on the surface of the measurement object (see column 11 line 47-49), and a function for displaying this image on a display (see column 51 line 30-41).

With regard to claim(s) 7 and 8, and applying the rejection of claim(s) 5, and 6 above, Ferrand et al. discloses the data for each separate domain on the object surface are the information of a single pixel in the CCDs of the imaging apparatus (see column 46 line 24).

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 1-4 allowed.
4. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

The primary reason for the allowance of claims 1-4 is the inclusion of the method step of measuring heat flux on an object surface by calculating the heat flux in each domain using the formula:

$$q(t) = 2 \sqrt{\frac{pck}{\pi}} \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{T(i) - T(i-1)}{(t_m - t_i)^{\frac{1}{2}} + (t_m - t_{i-1})^{\frac{1}{2}}}$$

It is this step found in each of the claims, as it is claimed in the combination, that has not been found, taught or suggested by the prior art of record which makes these claims allowable over the prior art.

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

U.S. Patent No. 6,804,622 to Bunker et al. because it teaches measuring internal temperature using temperature sensitive paint.

U.S. Patent No. 4,885,633 to Buck because it teaches a video thermal imaging system using temperature sensitive paint.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anthony T. Dougherty whose telephone number is (571) 272-2273. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8 to 5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John E. Barlow can be reached on (571) 272-2269. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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